



Reliant Moving Checklist

The best way to prepare for your move day is to start weeks ahead of time. Read the following in-depth to-do list to make sure you are on the right path to preparing for your new home.

90 Days Before Moving Day

- **Figure out the best approach for your move.**
Consider your funds, resources and the distance you will be moving to figure out which moving option is best for you. Popular moving options include hiring a professional moving company, renting a moving truck, or doing the move on your own with the help of your friends and family.
- **Conduct research on your moving company and make sure to compare multiple moving companies in your area.**
You can find customer satisfaction reviews online to see the level of quality service each company delivers. There are many [tips for finding a reliable moving company](#).
- **Choose a moving company.**
Now that you've conducted your research, it is time to hire a reliable moving company.
- **Confirm your moving company arrangements.**
Get confirmation of the moving dates, a breakdown of the costs and which services are included in your arrangement, along with other important information.¹
- **Begin packing.**
Four weeks prior to the move is a good time to begin the purge. Go through your house and categorize your belongings into groups, such as Keep, Donate and Trash.² Another tip is to number and label each box, and keep an inventory of your items.
- **Get an estimate of your electricity usage with the [Reliant Bill Estimator](#).**
Take these easy steps to get an estimate of your monthly electricity usage and costs in your new home.

¹ <http://www.realsimple.com/home-organizing/organizing/moving/moving-checklist>

² <http://www.atlasvanlines.com/moving-checklist/pdf/MovingChecklist.pdf>



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- **Learn about [smart energy products and solutions](#) for your home.**
Browse our selection of various smart energy products and solutions designed to help you save energy and money.
- **Get [tips on how to save energy](#) in your new home.**
Take a look at our energy efficiency tips and tools for great ways to lower your home electricity bill.
- **Sign up for electricity service up to 60 days in advance with [Flexible Move-In](#).**
Flexible Move-In is a Reliant service that gives you the flexibility to get your electricity setup when it is convenient for you.
- **Read our handy [packing tips](#).**
Find out easy ways to make packing less of a hassle.

30 Days Before Moving Day

- **Make travel arrangements.**
Determine what arrangements need to be made. If you will be staying at hotels or flying, book airline flights and hotel rooms for you and your family.
- **Notify friends and important parties of the move.**
Inform friends and family, banks, insurance agent/insurance company, utility companies, credit card companies, and all subscription services that you will be moving to a new address.³
- **Transfer medical, dental, personal insurance and school records.**
Make sure that everything is ready before you move to your new residential area.
- **Contact your bank.**
Your bank can transfer your bank accounts, order new checks with your new address on it and clean out your safety deposit box.
- **Complete change of address forms.**
You can complete change of address forms at your local post office or [online through USPS](#).

³ Ibid.



21 Days Before Moving Day

- ❑ **Clean out gym and school lockers.**
Avoid leaving belongings behind by accident.
- ❑ **Prep your rugs and draperies for the move.**
Have rugs and draperies cleaned, and wrap them up.

Have a garage sale yard sale or donate unused items to a local charity organization.

Sell the items you categorized as no longer needing or donate them to charities. There are countless [charity organizations](#) that accept gently worn or unused clothes. If you find you are too busy to put time into getting rid of these items, you can even schedule for a [charity clothing pickup](#).

- ❑ **Measure the rooms in your new house.**
Check the dimensions of your new place to see if and how your current furniture will fit into the new space.
- ❑ **Update your insurance policies.**
Contact your insurance companies to update your property insurance, auto insurance and medical insurance.
- ❑ **Get your automobile serviced.**
Have your car ready for the move by getting your automobile checked. You should check your tires, brakes, windshield wipers, fluids, belts, etc.

14 Days Before Moving Day

- ❑ **Select an electricity plan.**
Review our [FAQs](#) for tips on how to select the right electricity plan for your new residence. Visit reliant.com/movecenter to sign up for electricity service online.
- ❑ **Confirm travel arrangements for your family.⁴**
Get everyone on the same page regarding where your family will be staying during the move. Arrange to you have your car(s) transported if necessary.

Arrange for cable TV, phone services, internet, and home security services transfer or disconnection.

Speak with your TV, phone service, internet, and home security services providers, and take the necessary steps to return equipment and cancel service.

⁴ <http://www.upack.com/moving-resources/checklist.asp>



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- **Pack a box of cleaning supplies for the new place.**
Gather cleaning supplies, a broom and a vacuum cleaner for when it comes time to clean.
- **Set aside all items that need to be cleaned, stored or repaired.**
Put all the items that need extra care before they can be used again, such as clothing, shoes or watches, in one place.

7 Days Before Moving Day

- **Pack a box of essentials to take with you to your new home.⁵**
Gather important papers and other essentials, and put them in one place for easy access. You may want to put these items in a fire-safe box.
- **Load up the car with traveling necessities.**
Pack trip essentials such as maps, snacks, emergency road equipment (a flashlight, tools and flares), a first-aid kit, moist wipes, trash bags, spare keys, prescription drugs, cash or traveler's checks, and cell phone chargers.⁶
- **Mark any items that need special instructions.**
Indicate items that you do not want packed, as well as boxes you will want access to first. Let the mover know which items are fragile as well.
- **Eat your remaining goods.**
Make meals from your frozen foods, canned goods and packaged foods in your pantry so that they do not go to waste when you empty the refrigerator and pantry.

The Day Before Moving Day

- **Call before 2pm and get same-day electricity service with [Flexible Move-in](#).**
Reliant can set up electricity service for you in no time.
- **Take care of remaining electronics and electronic appliances.**
Go through the house and unplug all electronic appliances. Clean and defrost your refrigerator and freezer. Power down and pack up your computer to take with you.
- **Conclude financial matters relating to the sale of lease of your home.**
Check to make sure everything is in order so that you will be ready to hand over the keys and garage door opener the next day.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.



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- **Review [helpful tips for traveling with children](#).**
Traveling with children can be challenging. Take a look at our tips to make the journey more manageable.

Moving Day

- **Leave your phone connected to the charger all day.** Have your phone charged and ready to use.
- **Ask the mover to verify the destination address and your contact information.**
Ensure that they will be en route to the proper destination and can reach you if needed.
- **Do a quick cleaning of the empty rooms.**
Run the vacuum and sweep the floors one last time.
- **Perform these last-minute checks:**
 - Has the water been turned off?
 - Have the furnace and air conditioner been turned off?
 - Are the light switches turned off?
 - Are windows shut and locked?
 - Have you arranged for all utilities arranged to be disconnected?